Irregularities in sign boards of MPLADS

†3604. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA; Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many irregularities are being committed in the sign boards of local Members of Parliament under MPLAD Scheme which are causing much apprehensions;

(b) the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, one case from Uttar Pradesh has been brought to the notice of this Ministry by Shri Rajnarayan Budholiya, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Hamirpur, Lok Sabha Constituency, alleging that 7 Swagat Dwars have been constructed out of MPLADS funds of his predecessor ex-Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Shri Gangacharan Rajput inscribing his name on them. After obtaining a report from the District Magistrate, Hamirpur, instructions have been issued for (i) immediate removal of the name of former Lok Sabha MP from the afore-mentioned Swagat Dwars and (ii) recoupment of MPLADS funds utilized for this work, (iii) Secretary (Planning), Government of Uttar Pradesh has been requested to intimate the action taken against the officer fcund responsible for violation of MPLAD Guidelines.

Cost escalation in Central Government funded projects

†3605. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government funded 605 projects are under construction and their construction cost is being estimated to be Rs. 2,67,815 crores at present;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the above said construction cost is in excess of the original construction cost of these projects; and

(d) if so, the actual original construction cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As on 1.1.2006, there were 705 Central sector projects each costing Rs. 20 crore and above involving an investment of Rs. 2,70,644.35 crore. These are from 16 sectors. The oldest project sanctioned during 1974 is under execution.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The anticipated completion cost of these 705 projects is Rs. 3,17,130.56 crore as against the original sanctioned cost of Rs. 2,70,644.35 crore.

Expert Committee for constructions

3606. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has been appointed to look into the various aspects of constructions in Delhi, made in violation of the Municipal by-laws, which are ordered to be demolished in terms of High Court orders; and

(b) if so, the names of the Members of the Committee, its terms of reference and the time allowed to it for submission of its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India had decided to set up a Committee on 14.2.2006 to assess the magnitude of the problem of unauthorized construction and